

# **MEMBRANE FILTRATION INSTALLATION at OBERTI OLIVE DIVISION of TRI VALLEY GROWERS**

## **Analysis of Business, Environmental, and Energy Issues**

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## 1. Executive Summary

### **Overview**

In 1997 Tri Valley Growers (TVG) completed installation of an \$8.4 million membrane filtration system on the wastewater portion of the Oberti Olive Plant in Madera, California. The facility is rated to produce 20,000 ton/year of black ripe olives. The installation gave TVG the first “zero-discharge” olive plant in California and in the United States. TVG installed the membrane system to meet increasingly stringent environmental regulations on its 160 acres of evaporation ponds. Alternatively, TVG faced either an unacceptable \$40 million wastewater-pond upgrade cost or closing the Oberti Plant.

TVG’s new filtration system reuses 80% of the plant’s process water flow, with nearly 20% of the remaining flow being concentrated and sold as animal feed. Olive processing changes, identified during the design phase, cut plant needs for water and chemicals. As a result, well-water pumping is down by 92% and wastewater flows dropped similarly.

However, the plant operators have experienced a number of startup and operational hurdles. Startup required nearly two years before all subsystems operated acceptably; cleaning costs are four times higher than expected. In spite of these higher-than-expected operating costs, the project is a success because chemical costs for olive processing dropped greatly and the plant remains open, saving 575 jobs.

Figure 1 shows the membrane filtration bank.



**Figure 1: Membrane Filtration Bank**

This report summarizes key results that other food processing plant owners can leverage to determine applicability of membrane filtration in their plants. The report includes eight sections:

- *Executive Summary*—describing business and technical issues for decision makers and technical staff, with the business and technical sections each intended to stand alone when used with the overview
- *Case Study Summary*—giving a one-sheet summary intended to stand alone independently from this report
- *Background*—summarizing reasons for pursuing the project
- *Plant Upgrade Options and Expectations*—providing an overview of benefits the project was expected to provide
- *Construction and Startup*—describing TVG's experiences in installing and starting the new plant
- *Results*—showing the impact on the company's bottom line
- *Potential California Applicability*—briefly describing the market potential for other California installations
- *Appendices*—including project participants and a detailed listing of potential California membrane filtration applications

### ***Summary of Business Issues***

#### **Project Cost and Financing**

The project was completed at a net cost to the company of \$7.7 million, after receiving \$700,000 in grants from utility and government agencies. TVG funded the project with a State of California economic development bond having a floating interest rate (3.25% in 1999) to be repaid over a 10-year period. TVG considered other options to the membrane system, but all had similar or higher first costs and higher operating costs. Since TVG was committed to keeping the plant open, it pursued the best available option — membrane filtration and zero-discharge operation.

The initial project budget was \$7.4 million, which rose to \$7.6 million when the final design was completed. Actual project cost was \$8.4 million, with the main price increases coming from the ultrafiltration (UF), reverse osmosis (RO), and evaporation equipment, as well as from weather issues and startup problems.

#### **Design and Construction**

TVG staff conducted extensive research and testing to identify a viable alternative that met their goals of being environmentally friendly, offering zero-discharge capability, and allowing easy operation. While researching their process flows to design an effective system, TVG staff identified a key opportunity for saving water. Using a process they developed and patented, the project team shortened olive-curing time from seven days to three days, cutting water use by 53% and wastewater flows by 42%.

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Construction did not go smoothly, with the project team experiencing delays from both weather and contract negotiations. The combined design and construction process required about the same time as expected—design required longer than expected but construction went faster than expected through constant project management evaluations.

### Startup Problems and Solutions

Upon startup, TVG faced a number of hurdles, but worked cooperatively with the contractors and equipment suppliers to achieve proper operation. The main problem was that the membranes were fouling quickly, requiring more frequent cleaning than expected and increasing cleaning costs due to higher chemical, water, and labor requirements. Cleaning chemicals alone initially cost 10 times more than expected. TVG addressed the problem by installing cyclonic air separation systems at point sources to reduce fats, oils, and grease (FOG) and suspended solids.

### Projected Versus Actual Operation

In addition to the higher-than-expected cleaning costs, the membrane-filtration plant's energy costs are higher than expected. The actual energy cost is \$15.94 per 1000 gallons, 340% higher than expected. Overall, the zero-discharge operation costs 380% more to operate than expected.

Although the membrane filtration system's operating cost is higher than expected, process chemical cost savings from adopting the three-day curing process offset some of the membrane system cost increase so Oberti could produce competitively-priced products. The value of these process-chemical savings is proprietary, so a total operating cost comparison for before-and-after project installation can not be completed.

Table 1 summarizes the membrane filtration system's performance, compared to the initial design and the base-case operation with evaporation ponds.

**Table 1: Summary of Membrane Filtration Operations List<sup>1</sup>**

<i>Component</i>			<i>Base Case</i>	<i>Membrane Plant</i>		<i>Savings</i>
				<i>Initial Design</i>	<i>Final Operation</i>	<i>(final vs. base)</i>
<i>Energy</i>	\$0.08/kWh \$0.25/therm	\$/yr	629,458	977,902	1,262,082	-101%
<i>Maintenance</i> <sup>2</sup>	Membrane system	\$million/yr	0.0	0.7	0.7	na

<sup>1</sup> Data for a 20,000-ton production run (one "unit"), the total for approximately one year.

<sup>2</sup> Costs for membrane replacement and pump wear.

Although TVG experienced high operating costs with the membrane-filtration system, other organizations using these units may see lower cost premiums if they use municipal systems for water supply and wastewater discharge. A lower cost premium will result if the municipal

systems charge higher costs than the organization faces by operating its own water supply and discharge systems.

A related consideration for municipal water users is the source-energy<sup>1</sup> impact. Some water districts charge high prices to cover pumping costs. Many California municipalities receive water that has been pumped across great distances, in some cases hundreds of miles and over the Tehachapi Mountains, greatly increasing the cost of the water.

### Future Considerations

For companies considering membrane filtration systems on wastewater streams, TVG cautions users to carefully evaluate their process flows to thoroughly understand how to best design a new system. Such process research may also yield process improvements and point-source waste reductions, such as TVG identified. TVG researchers also used a demonstration trailer supported by the State of California and others—this trailer is available for other users as well, to help identify the proper membrane filtration technology for their application. Another key issue is that TVG coordinated their efforts with the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) to ensure that the plant satisfied environmental performance expectations, even amid project delays. Other important lessons include:

- Understand that membrane filtration installations in wastewater treatment applications are more difficult to design, install, operate, and maintain than for other process flows.
- Develop good working relationships with potential equipment vendors before starting a project.
- Consider having a small decision-making group constantly involved in the project, as a small group works more efficiently and helps cut costs.
- Investigate new technologies. As a result of the lessons learned at the Oberti Olive plant, manufacturers are taking steps to reduce the costs of membrane replacement, cleaning, and energy use.
- Understand that each membrane filtration installation in each manufacturing process is unique and requires a site-specific design.
- Treat waste sources upstream in the process rather than at the plant outlet.

### The Bottom Line

The membrane filtration system allowed the Oberti Olive Plant to remain open while providing an environmentally sound solution to a costly problem. Although startup problems were greater than expected, TVG's dedication and cooperative problem-solving approach resulted in a successful project.

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<sup>1</sup> *Source energy* is the energy used to create, and in some cases, to deliver a product (e.g. electricity, chemicals, and natural gas).

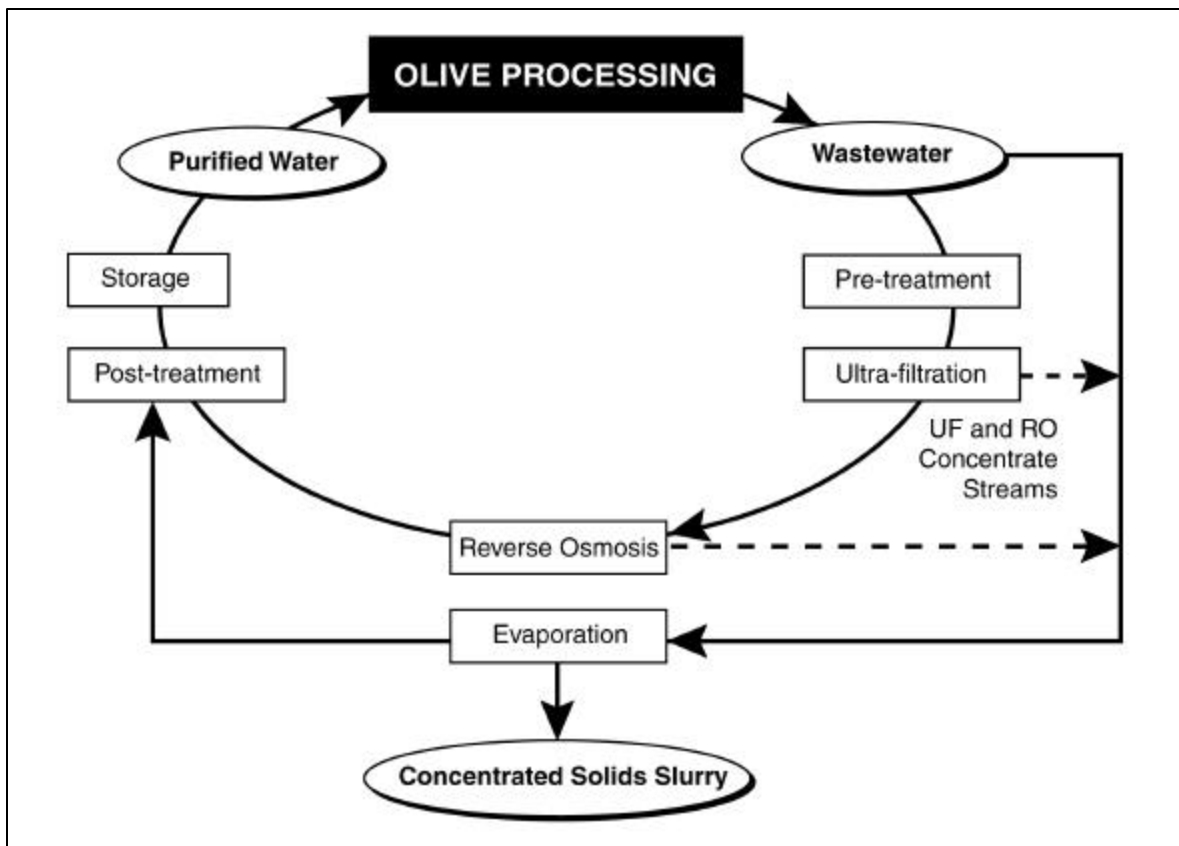


### ***Summary of Technical Issues***

#### Membrane Filtration Plant Characteristics

TVG developed the membrane filtration project to produce black ripe olives while recycling all water, chemicals, and olive pomace or converting them to a useful byproduct with no adverse environmental impact. **Figure 5** gives the wastewater processing overview.

The UF and RO systems filter the salts, sugars, remaining oil, and other solids, allowing only water to pass through. These units reclaim approximately 80% of the 700,000 gallons per day (gpd) of wastewater produced. The remaining 20% of the wastewater flow contains solids that are concentrated into an animal feed slurry, using an evaporator rated to remove approximately 60,000 lb/hr of water (7200 gal/hr).



**Figure 2: Wastewater Processing Overview**

Variable frequency drives (VFDs) modulate flows through all the UF loop pumps and the high-pressure RO pumps to maintain constant loop pressure. The RO pump motors have a “soft start” feature to reduce electric demand charges and protect system elements, especially the membranes, from excessive pressure shock. Table 2 summarizes the membrane-filtration system performance.

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**Table 2: Membrane Filtration System Performance<sup>1</sup>**

<i>Performance Characteristics</i>			<i>Base Case</i>	<i>Membrane Plant</i>		<i>Savings</i>
				<i>Initial Design</i>	<i>Final Operation</i>	<i>(final vs. base)</i>
<i>Energy Use</i>						
Fuel	Process steam	Therms/yr	876,780	1,367,000	1,921,410	-119%
Electricity	Plant use	kWh/yr	4,977,810	7,942,857	9,757,334	-96%
	Well-water pumping	kWh/yr	150,476	9,048	14,286	91%
	Total	kWh/yr	5,128,286	7,951,905	9,771,620	-91%
<i>Water Flows</i>						
	Well-water	mgd	1.3	0.1	0.1	92%
	Wastewater	mgd	1.2	0.0	0.0	100%

<sup>1</sup> Data for a 20,000-ton production run, the total for approximately one year.

### Startup and Operation Issues

Plant “startup” was nearly an ongoing process for about two years after the plant became operational in April 1997. The entire first year of operation was very difficult. TVG worked closely with the contractors and equipment vendors to cooperatively develop countless solutions. The following paragraphs describe the primary startup issues.

*Oil Contamination:* During preliminary startup testing, the system’s FOG contamination level was not typical for normal plant operation and the olive crop had lower-than-normal oil content. Thus, the proper startup operation gave plant staff false impressions. This oversight of FOG contamination would become the most severe problem in the design. TVG installed cyclonic air separation systems to address the issue.

*High Operating Costs:* Membrane cleaning issues plagued plant operators for nearly two years. The cyclonic air separation systems addressed major problems, but plant operators took numerous other steps to fine-tune plant operations and reduce cleaning costs. Even with all the changes, membrane filter cleaning costs and energy cost are higher than expected, as shown below:

- Chemical costs for cleaning filter membranes are about 400% higher than expected—\$1,600/day—with system cleaning costs 10 times more than expected.
- Related clean-up water usage is 300% higher than expected, at 150,000 gpd.
- Energy costs for pumping are 340% higher than expected, at \$15.94 per 1000 gallons of water.

Table 3 lists the chemical costs associated with membrane system cleaning.

**Table 3: Filtration Chemical Cost Comparison**

<i>Component</i>	<i>Actual Operation (\$/yr)</i>
Membrane filtration	255,000
Evaporator	51,000
Carbon filters	59,000
ZPM separation units	56,000
Ozonation	30,000
<i>Total</i>	<i>451,000</i>

*UF/RO Controls:* During the September 1997 startup, plant operators learned that the flow meters on the UF and RO subsystems were inaccurate, causing flow control problems. They addressed the problem with new meters.

*Evaporator Capacity:* TVG identified water-reduction opportunities during the design phase, primarily from the three-day curing process. However, they did not reduce the plant capacity because of ordering constraints and the possibility that the three-day process would not produce a high-quality product. During startup, plant operators learned that the filters did not perform as designed, but the excess evaporator capacity allowed the system to operate properly after TVG staff improved the system controls.

*Traces of Organic Compounds:* Chlorine dioxide sanitizing was the only means initially installed to ensure that the processed water remained potable when it returned to the plant. However, the RO system experienced a brief, limited failure, giving the olives an “off” flavor detected by a minority of tasters. TVG discovered the phenol compounds that caused the flavor problems and installed ozonation and carbon filtration to prevent any future flavor problems.

### Summary

Installing and operating the new membrane filtration plant was a challenging but worthwhile experience for TVG. However, addressing startup issues was more challenging than expected, and the plant now costs more to operate than expected.

### **2. Case Study Summary**

The following page is a one-sheet summary that can be distributed independent of this report. It is designed for widespread distribution to summarize key results from installing membrane filtration systems.

### 3. Background

#### *History*

When the Oberti family first packed olives in 1935, the accepted practice was to use clay-lined evaporation ponds to hold the brine and evaporate the liquid with solar energy. Over the years, the plant added evaporation ponds as needed to handle production expansion needs. Eventually, however, the clay's porous characteristics allowed slow seepage into the groundwater.

Tri Valley Growers, a grower-owned cooperative, acquired the privately-held Oberti Olive plant in 1968. Soon after, in 1969, new Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) regulations forced TVG to line its 160 acres of evaporation ponds with a single layer of plastic to eliminate brine seepage. TVG completed this project in 1979 at a cost of \$11 million.

#### *Plant Characteristics and Operation*

Oberti Olive Division of TVG employs about 75 full-time staff and 500 seasonal workers in a plant with capacity of 20,000 tons per year of black ripe olives. Figure 3 shows the engineering manager and plant manager at the plant entrance.



**Figure 3: Oberti Olive Plant Entrance**

Roughly 360 million cans are shipped each year. A secondary product is olive oil, with about 40,000–80,000 gallons shipped annually in 55-gallon drums for use by industrial food processors. The plant is one of three remaining olive plants in the United States, all of which are in California. Oberti processes about 21% of California's olives.

Olive processing involves a three-step process—receiving, curing, and canning. In Step One the crop is cleaned, olive stems are removed, the olives are separated by size and then stored in

over 1000 tanks, each capable of storing 25 tons, as shown in Figure 4. Stems are sold to a bio-waste burner. This step coincides with olive harvesting season in the fall and lasts about eight weeks.



**Figure 4: Olive Storage Tanks**

In Step Two raw olives are processed in a caustic solution. At one time this curing process required 20 days, but over the years Oberti reduced it to seven days. While investigating process flows associated with evaluating options to double-lining the evaporation ponds, TVG staff developed a patented three-day curing process which dropped water requirements from 9600 gallons/ton of olives to 4500 gallons/ton.

In Step Three the olives are pitted, sliced, and canned. Olive pits are processed to recover saleable olive oil and processed pits are sold to a bio-waste burner. The Oberti plant requires about 9 months to process the annual crop.

Fresh water is pumped from private wells, with base-case operation requiring about 1.3 million gallons per day (mgd). Plant requirements dropped to about 0.8 mgd after Oberti implemented the three-day curing process.

Brine resulting from olive storage and the caustic solution from olive processing were historically pumped to a series of nearby evaporation ponds. This brine's salt concentration is approximately two times higher than ocean water.

Table 4 summarizes plant operating characteristics of the base-case plant operation before installing the membrane filtration system.

**Table 4: Base-Case Plant Operation**

<i>Performance Characteristics</i>			<i>Base Case</i>
<i>Energy Use</i>			
Fuel	Process steam	Therms/yr	876,780
Electricity	Plant use	kWh/yr	4,977,810
	Well-water pumping	kWh/yr	150,476
	Total	kWh/yr	5,128,286
<i>Energy Cost</i>	\$0.08/kWh; \$0.25/therm	\$/yr	629,458
<i>Water Flows</i>	Well-water	mgd	1.3
	Wastewater	mgd	1.2

### ***Wastewater Processing Changes Required***

In 1984 new RWQCB regulations required Oberti to upgrade its evaporation ponds by 1989 with a double plastic lining to eliminate seepage and to install a leachate collection system. However, the upgrade's projected cost was an unacceptable \$40 million, not even including the expense to acquire an additional 160 acres for temporary brine storage.

Stricter environmental regulations have closed other California olive processing plants, the latest being Lindsay Olives in 1992. However, TVG decided to investigate other options because closing the plant would be a devastating blow to the olive growers, many of whom are TVG shareholders.

## 4. Plant Upgrade Options and Expectations

### *Initial Concepts Investigated*

During the initial stages of finding an option to double-lining the evaporation ponds, TVG staff tested several biological treatment systems, including fermenters and a bio-trickling filter.

One initial concept looked promising, using a bio-digester to convert the wastes to yeast that could be harvested and sold as low-quality animal feed. Nanofiltration (NF), UF, RO, and spray drying were all components of the waste-processing system. Salts would be recovered from the water and sold as a dry animal supplement. The process would discharge the highly-filtered water to either the City of Madera municipal wastewater system or to a local irrigation ditch.

However, project staff feared future regulations would limit discharging water to the municipality. Further, local politics would not allow discharge to an irrigation ditch. Finally, the system design was very complex and costly and the digester required continuous operation 24 hours/day, 7 days/week, which would have been difficult to achieve. This option was abandoned after spending \$3.5 million.

After re-evaluating the situation, TVG identified three goals for the new wastewater treatment system:

1. Environmentally friendly
2. Zero discharge outside the plant
3. Easy to operate.

Additionally, any products leaving the plant would have beneficial uses and the wastewater treatment plant would not be the controlling force in producing olives.

TVG aggressively decided on the zero-discharge option to avoid any more new regulations that could again put olive processing in jeopardy.

### *RWQCB Negotiations Yield Revised Schedule*

While identifying and evaluating alternatives to double-lining the evaporation ponds, TVG maintained close communication with the RWQCB to ensure that their plans were acceptable. In turn, the RWQCB exhibited flexibility with their timelines. For example, with realistic solutions apparently within reach, in August 1991 the RWQCB issued an order that TVG cease discharging to evaporation ponds by December 31, 1993 and close the ponds by December 31, 1995. As TVG encountered trouble implementing a feasible design, the RWQCB relaxed its shutdown schedule.



### ***Additional Research Identifies Process Improvement***

To achieve their objectives, TVG began an extensive evaluation of its processes, waste streams, and potential technologies in 1991. Staff performed chemical analyses on effluents, identified how and where the materials entered the waste streams, and evaluated technologies that were familiar from other plants. This process research resulted in developing a patented process change to shorten curing time from seven days to three days, cutting water use by 53%, to 4500 gallons/ton, with a similar reduction in wastewater flow.<sup>2</sup>

### ***Membrane Technology Option Determined***

The research on process flows led TVG to pursue a combination of membrane filtration and evaporation for filtering and concentrating the brine solution. Membrane filtration has been used commercially since the early 1980s to separate whey in the dairy industry, clarify juices in the beverage industry, reclaim sugars and other recyclable products from waste streams, and desalinate small amounts of seawater. Types of membrane filtration include reverse osmosis (RO), nanofiltration (NF), ultrafiltration (UF), and microfiltration (MF), in order—from small to large—of the particle size that each system treats.

Membrane filtration technologies were familiar to TVG staff from their experience with juice concentrate at fruit processing plants, and from their experience with water used to clean cans at tomato processing plants. However, TVG learned that a wastewater stream's components require a different design and operation than a membrane filtration system applied to non-waste streams. The zero-discharge characteristic is an additional complication.

TVG worked together with the California Institute of Food and Agricultural Research (CIFAR) at the University of California Davis, Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), the RWQCB, and many other sponsors to develop a solution tailored to Oberti's needs. In 1992 Oberti became the first California food-processing plant to test CIFAR's mobile membrane filtration demonstration unit, a 48-foot trailer built to test various systems.

After 13 in-plant demonstrations, together with CIFAR's and EPRI's membrane technology experience, researchers recommended the specific UF and RO membrane types and characteristics, from among the dozens available, that would deliver potable water for process applications.

TVG then developed a design based on membrane filtration that met the initial project requirements. The design process included developing a mathematical model to test the design in real time and to discover how process variations would affect operation of a zero-discharge plant. Table 5 below summarizes characteristics of the options TVG considered.

#### **Table 5: Characteristics of Plant Options**

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<sup>2</sup> TVG implemented the three-day curing process in 1995, while the membrane filtration plant startup was in 1997.

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<i>Option</i>	<i>Relative Capital Cost</i>	<i>Relative Operating Cost</i>	<i>Comments</i>
<i>Primary Options</i>			
Membrane filtration with evaporation	1.0	1.0	Lowest capital cost. Relatively simple operation. Adopted.
Biotower with filtration, evaporation, and drying	2.0	2.0	High capital and operating costs. Complex operation. Abandoned.
Double-lined ponds	5.3	0.0	Not environmentally sound. Capital cost not acceptable.
<i>Secondary Options</i>			
Ceramic Membrane/Evaporation	1.6	3.1	High capital cost. High operating cost.
Evaporation/Polish Filtration	2.1	1.1	High capital cost. Low operating cost

### ***Zero-Discharge Plant Design Overview***

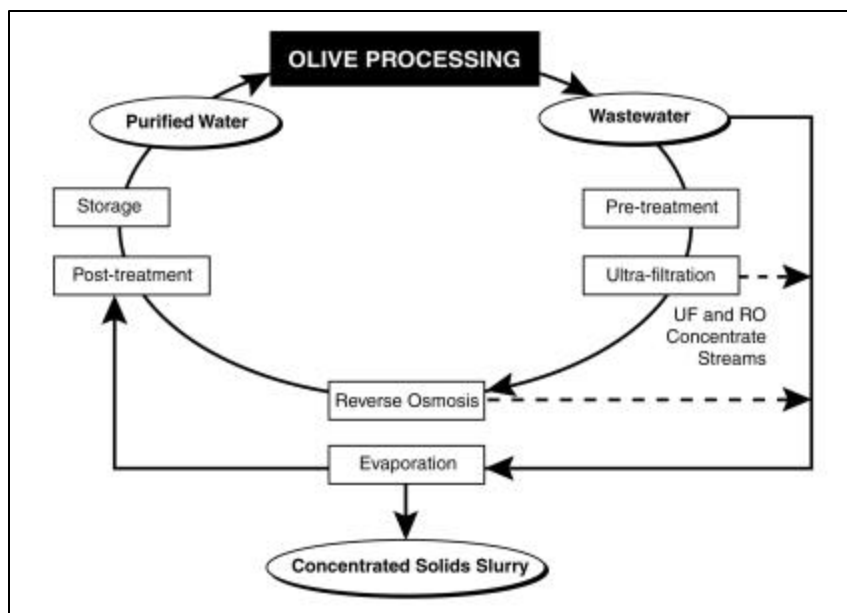
TVG developed the membrane filtration project to produce black ripe olives while all water, chemicals, and olive pomace were recycled or converted to a useful byproduct with no adverse environmental impact.

TVG's research into plant operations and olive processing identified six waste streams that would be handled by the new membrane system:

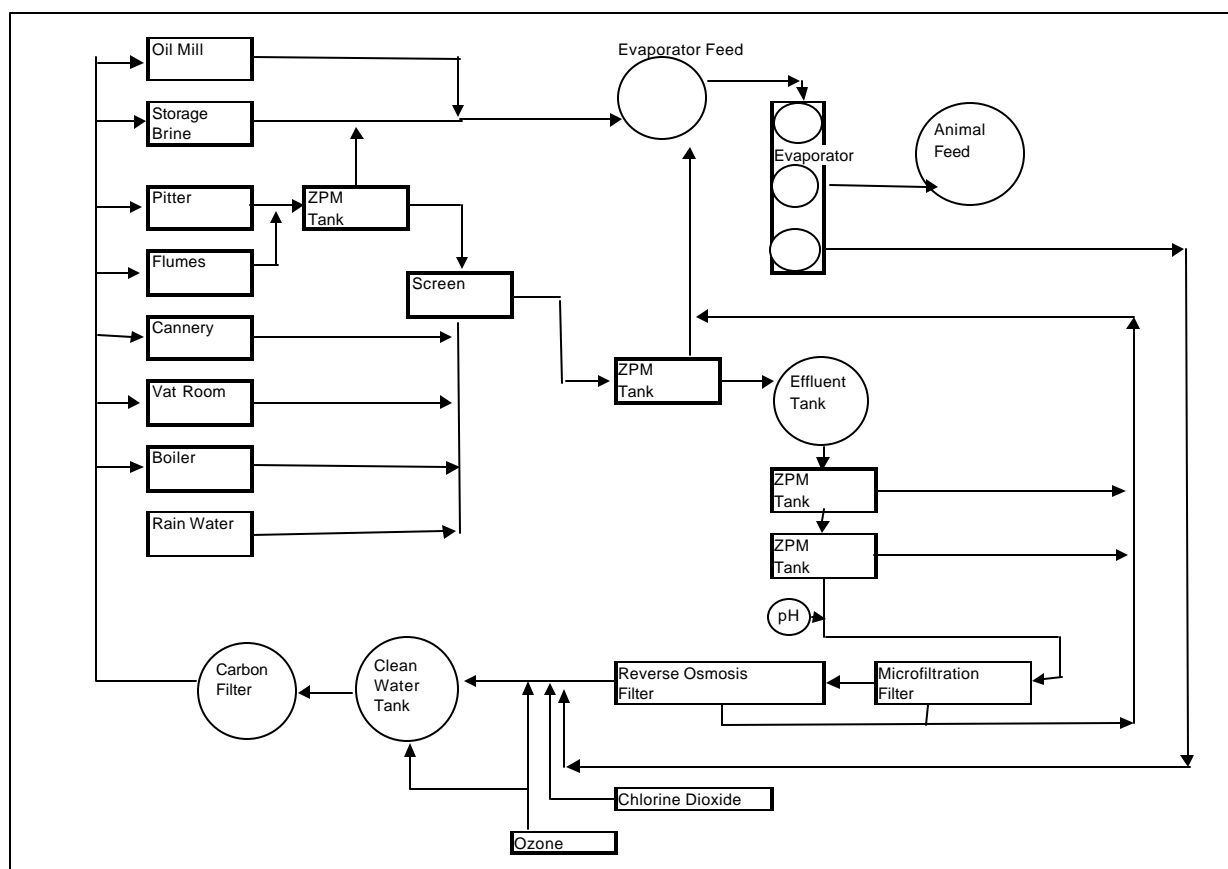
1. Olive oil processing water
2. Cannery processing water
3. Low-to-neutral pH vatroom processing waters
4. High pH vatroom processing waters
5. Olive storage water
6. Storm water runoff

A brief description of the zero-discharge design follows. See also the wastewater processing overview in **Figure 5** and the wastewater plant schematic in Figure 6.

Olive wastewater from the brine storage tanks and the oil mill is prescreened and pumped directly to the evaporator. Wastewater from the vat room (i.e., olive curing area) and cannery are pre-screened and pumped to a one-million-gallon effluent storage tank.



**Figure 5: Wastewater Processing Overview**



**Figure 6: Wastewater Plant Schematic**

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From the collection sump, shown in Figure 7, the effluent is pumped to the UF system, which filters the salts, sugars, remaining oil, and other solids, allowing only water to pass through. Retentate, or concentrate, from the UF system flows to the evaporator. Permeate (containing salts and other dissolved components) from the UF is piped to the RO system. Retentate from the RO joins the UF retentate, both of which enter the evaporator. The UF system was designed for a maximum flow of 750 gpm and a maximum daily flow of 900,000 gallons, although the maximum operational flow has never exceeded 650 gpm. The UF and RO units were designed to operate at concentration ratios of 20X and 10X, respectively.



**Figure 7: Vatroom Collection Sump**

The evaporator—a triple-effect, falling-film unit—removes up to 60,000 lbs./hour (7200 gallons/hour) of water at a thermal efficiency of 4.5:1. This unit increases the slurry concentration from 1.5% to 60% solids. The resulting concentrated slurry is stored in a tank until it is hauled to Foster Farms, an animal feed manufacturer.

Condensate from the evaporator is pumped to a one-million-gallon permeate storage tank. Permeate from the RO membranes is also piped to this tank. Following chlorination and ozonation, this purified water is pumped back to the plant for use in the cannery, vat room, and oil mill.

The UF and RO systems reclaim approximately 80% of the 700,000 gallons per day (gpd) of wastewater produced. The remaining 20% is evaporated into an animal feed slurry. Variable frequency drives (VFDs) modulate flows through all the UF loop pumps and the high-pressure RO pumps to maintain constant loop pressure. The VFDs also reduce operating costs compared to throttling valves, the traditional method of providing flow and/or pressure control.

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The RO pump motors have a “soft start” feature to reduce electric demand charges and protect system elements, especially the membranes, from excessive pressure shock. The starting ramp is 30 seconds, providing a smooth pressure rise.

### ***Expected Performance***

As shown in Table 6, the proposed membrane filtration system eliminated wastewater discharge, but at an increased energy cost of 55%. The increased energy consumption resulted from having to pump wastewater through the membrane filter bank and from operating the steam-fired evaporator. Although energy costs increased, chemical savings from implementing the three-day olive-curing process offset the increased energy costs to make the project financially viable.

**Table 6: Expected Membrane Filtration System Performance**

<i>Performance Characteristics</i>			<i>Base Case</i>	<i>Membrane</i>	<i>Savings</i>
<i>Energy Use</i>					
Fuel	Process steam	Therms/yr	876,780	1,367,000	-56%
Electricity	Plant use	kWh/yr	4,977,810	7,942,857	-60%
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	Total	kWh/yr	5,128,286	7,951,905	-55%
<i>Energy Cost</i>	\$0.08/kWh; \$0.25/therm	\$/yr	629,458	977,902	-55%
<i>Water Flows</i>	Well-water	mgd	1.3	0.1	92%
	Wastewater	mgd	1.2	0.0	100%
<i>Maintenance</i>	Membrane system	\$/yr	\$0	\$0.7 million	-\$0.7 million

From a perspective of overall societal benefit, the project was expected to increase source-energy<sup>3</sup> use by 48% and increase air emissions proportionally. However, as a additional benefit, olive pumace (pits, etc.) was expected to be sold to a cogeneration facility. The energy value of the pumace was expected to cut source energy, cutting the project's overall source-energy impact by 14%.

### ***Budget, Investment Criteria, and Funding***

The project's initial \$7.4 million budget grew to \$7.6 million by the time that the final design was completed. Table 7 shows the initial and final budgets. TVG's net cost was reduced by \$0.7 million because a number of partners contributed funding, as shown in Table 8.

<sup>3</sup> The analysis assumes 10,500 Btu of source energy per kWh of electricity and 11,600 Btu of source energy per \$1 of chemicals.

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**Table 7: Project Design Budget Comparison**

<i>Component</i>	<i>Initial Design Budget</i>	<i>Final Design Budget</i>
Ultrafiltration and Reverse Osmosis	1,900,000	2,300,000
Evaporation	1,900,000	2,200,000
Dryer	700,000	0
Buildings	25,000	120,000
Electrical, Controls	500,000	500,000
Automated UF and RO Data Collection	400,000	300,000
Tanks and Piping	600,000	1,200,000
Storm Water Collection	800,000	300,000
Contingency	600,000	680,000
<i>Total Project Cost</i>	<i>7,425,000</i>	<i>7,600,000</i>

TVG's return on investment (ROI) analysis showed that the plant, as designed, would produce a product at a competitive price. A critical component, integral to the project's success, was the three-day curing process cutting chemical costs enough to offset the increased energy and maintenance costs. TVG selected the membrane filtration option as the only reasonably-priced, viable alternative with a favorable ROI.

TVG worked with the Madera County Economic Development Commission to obtain a state bond and fund the project. The bond was first approved by the county on October 24, 1995, with the State of California Treasury Department approval coming shortly thereafter. The bond has a floating interest rate (3.25% in 1999), payable over 10 years.

The bond was a critical element in the project's success. Without it TVG may not have been able to fund the project and the plant likely would have closed.

### ***Project Partners***

With such high project costs and obvious environmental benefits, TVG sought funding assistance from organizations supporting such projects, including the local electric and gas utility. Three organizations contributed grants and rebates totaling \$700,000, as shown in Table 8.

**Table 8: Project Funding Partners**

\$400,000	U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) NICE <sup>3</sup> program (National Industrial Competitiveness through Energy, Environment, and Economics)
\$250,000	California Defense Conversion Council
\$100,000	Pacific Gas and Electric Company
<i>\$700,000</i>	<i>Total</i>

DOE's NICE<sup>3</sup> program, administered through the California Energy Commission (CEC), helps promote the installation of advanced, energy saving industrial technologies.

### ***Expected Timeline***

The timeline that was originally scheduled for the project is summarized in Table 9.

**Table 9: Expected Project Timeline**

DOE NICE <sup>3</sup> grant application	January 1995
State bond approved	October 1995
Design commercial plant and select equipment	June 1995
Begin construction	July 1995
Finalize design	September 1995
Complete construction	July 1996
Startup and shakedown	September 1996
Unit fully operational	December 1996

## 5. Construction and Startup

### ***Overview***

In general, design and construction went well but plant startup was very difficult, greatly delaying smooth operation. Additionally, operating and maintenance costs, particularly membrane cleaning and replacement, were much higher than expected. However, plant personnel solved countless problems and achieved zero-discharge operation.

### ***Design, Construction and Budget Issues***

The design process and construction went smoothly, though diligent project management and continuous interaction of the design team, equipment vendors, and contractors. The design team conducted three years of testing to define the scope and process, steps completed prior to construction. The project team used a design-build approach to implement the project and TVG did not experience any major changes during construction. Major design considerations included:

- Reducing water and chemical usage by applying a three-day curing process
- Pre-screening all waste streams
- Using a tank farm to maintain balanced water flows
- Applying UF and RO filters to remove organics and salts
- Using an evaporator to concentrate waste streams coming from the filter banks
- Sending the evaporator-concentrate to a pre-selected animal feed supplier

A key issue was finding a use for the sludge remaining after the wastewater passes through the membrane filtration bank and is concentrated in the evaporator. TVG identified Foster Farms, a manufacturer of animal feed, as an outlet for this byproduct. On a related note, the concentration of all chemicals and additives in the waste sludge (i.e., animal feed) must be acceptable as animal feed.

Similarly, everything that falls on the facility grounds (e.g., engine oil drips) must be contained because rainwater effectively washes everything into the main holding tank where it eventually ends up in the waste sludge (i.e., animal feed).

The project cost grew from the \$7.4 million initial design estimate to a final installed cost of \$8.4 million because of weather issues, problems encountered after startup, and equipment cost increases, primarily UF, RO, and evaporation units.



### ***Startup Issues***

Plant “startup” was an ongoing process for two years after the plant became operational in April 1997. Only two weeks of testing were conducted during this initial startup because no more fruit was available. No problems were encountered during this preliminary testing.

The filtration unit went on-line with no discharge to the evaporation ponds in September 1997. After just a few days of operation a number problems began to appear. The major problems included:

- Lack of automatic evaporator operation
- Failed filtration controls
- Excessive FOG contamination
- High filtration cleaning cost
- Off-flavor product taste

The following sections describe the primary startup issues.

#### **Oil Contamination**

Plant operators conducted preliminary startup testing during a two-week period in early May 1997. They operated only one-half of the membrane filtration system to preserve the other half in case the system failed.

Although the plant experienced no major problems, TVG and the equipment vendors did not realize the filtration system and re-circulated water flows did not reach equilibrium. In fact, since the plant was near the end of its annual processing cycle, the olive oil mill was not operating and the newly installed oil separators did not have a normal level of dirt and contaminants. Further, the 1996 olive crop, which Oberti was processing during the May 1997 pilot testing, had lower-than-normal oil content.

Thus the system’s FOG (fats, oils, and grease) contamination level was not typical for normal plant operation and the proper May 1997 startup gave plant personnel false impressions. This oversight of excessive FOG contamination would become the most severe problem in the design.

TVG first installed multi-chamber gravity separators but they were not effective. Eventually TVG alleviated the FOG issue by fitting the five major waste streams with proprietary cyclonic air separation systems developed by ZPM, as shown in Figure 8. These systems removed FOG and suspended solids. The oily concentrate from the ZPM units is fed directly into the evaporator feed tank.

Although the ZPM units greatly improved plant performance, the UF and RO units operate at only 15X and 6X concentration ratios, respectively, below the design levels of 20X and 10X.



**Figure 8: Cyclonic Air Separation System**

### Evaporator Controls

During the September 1997 startup for processing the new crop, plant operators learned that the evaporator would not operate automatically as it was designed. TVG and Oberti staff redesigned the evaporator control system to operate automatically, but their initial design exceeded the evaporator's range and design capacity. Redesigning this control scheme required nearly four months to perfect and implement. Plant operators ran the evaporator in manual mode until the new controls operated properly.

In a related issue, TVG identified water-reduction opportunities during the design phase, primarily from the three-day curing process. However, they did not reduce the plant capacity because of ordering constraints and the possibility that the three-day process would not produce a high-quality product. During startup plant operators learned that not only did the filters not perform automatically as designed, but the unit did not deliver the promised concentration levels. However, the excess evaporator capacity allowed the system to operate properly after TVG staff improved the system controls.

### Filtration Problems

During the September 1997 startup for processing the new crop, plant operators learned that the flow meters on the UF and RO subsystems were inaccurate. Failure to identify the flow error during the May 1997 startup resulted in a 50% error in flow measurements and concentration ratios. Repairing and ultimately replacing the flow meters only identified further problems, such as excessive clean-up water requirements, high cleaning-chemical use, and membrane failures. TVG staff addressed these issues with a series of improvements during the two-year startup.

### ***Operation and Maintenance Issues***

As noted earlier, plant personnel considered startup as a two-year process. For this analysis, the following items are classified as operation and maintenance issues since they occurred quite a few months after the membrane filtration plant began operation, even though they could be considered start up issues.

#### **Filter Cleaning**

As noted above, membrane cleaning issues were first identified during startup. However, they plagued plant operators for nearly two years. High FOG contamination increased membrane filter cleaning chemical costs about 400% above expected levels, to \$1,600/day. Similarly, energy costs rose 340% above expected levels, from \$4.69 to \$15.94 per 1000 gallons of water. Related cleaning-water usage increased 300% as well, from 50,000 gallons/day to 150,000 gallons/day. The proprietary cyclonic air separation systems addressed major problems, but plant operators took numerous other steps to fine-tune plant operations and reduce cleaning costs.

#### **Traces of Organic Compounds**

Chlorine dioxide was the only sanitizing agent initially installed to ensure that the filtered water remains potable when it returns to the plant. However, the RO system experienced a brief, limited failure, allowing some impurities to contaminate the purified water. This failure resulted in olives with an off-flavor that about 20% of the population could detect. After extensive investigation TVG discovered the phenol compound, in the range of 1 to 10 parts-per-billion, causing the flavor problems. Although TVG repaired the RO problem, it also installed ozonation and carbon filtration to prevent any future flavor problems.

#### **Miscellaneous**

Plant operators identified other operating issues, including:

- Prescreens must be properly sized to prevent excessive fouling of UF membranes
- UF membranes have an optimal cleaning-in-place frequency to maximize their performance and life expectancy
- A monitoring system is important to allow immediate detection and warning of a membrane failure

The project team designed and installed a sophisticated energy-monitoring hardware and software intended to track the filtration system's performance. However the equipment manufacturer never completed development of drivers for the computer interface and only limited manual monitoring was available.

### ***Pond Closure Issue***

TVG must still clean up the evaporation ponds, although they are no longer in use. Solar evaporation is too time-consuming so TVG has hired a specialist to evaluate options. One

alternative may be to use the existing evaporator to concentrate the water and to dispose of the concentrate as an animal supplement.

### ***Timeline***

After deciding to move ahead with the project, TVG was delayed with contract negotiations and by rainy weather. Additionally, as noted above, extensive startup problems delayed stable plant operation until 1999. Table 10 compares the actual timeline with the projected dates.

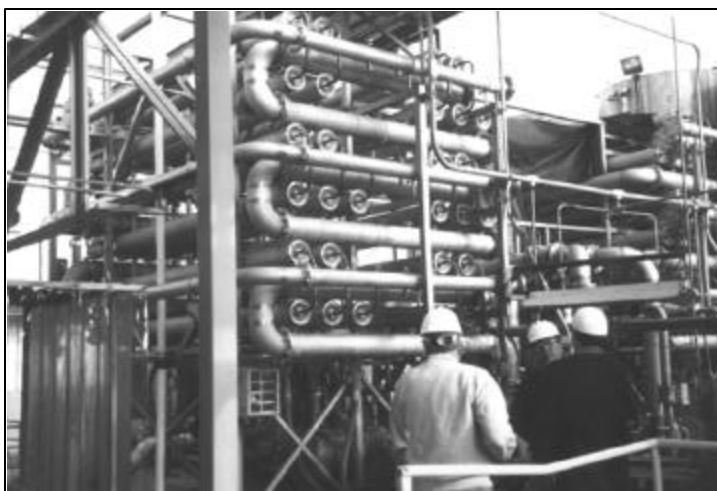
**Table 10: Actual Project Timeline**

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Projected Date</i>	<i>Actual Date</i>
Design commercial plant and select equipment	June 1995	December 1995
Finalize design	September 1995	December 1996
Begin construction	July 1995	January 1997
Complete construction	July 1996	April 1997
Startup and shakedown	September 1996	April 1997
Unit fully operational	December 1996	September 1997
Stable, acceptable operation	December 1996	June 1999

### 6. Results

#### *Summary*

The membrane filtration system, shown in Figure 9 and Figure 10, allowed the Oberti Olive plant to remain open. Although plant startup was very difficult, TVG would make the same decision again to install the new system.



**Figure 9: Membrane Filtration Bank**



**Figure 10: Membrane Filtration Bank and Evaporator**

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Although the membrane filtration system has been successful, changing business conditions forced the plant to curtail canning operations. In late 1999 plant management identified frozen-food markets not requiring a canned product, allowing Oberti to shut down the membrane filtration plant and use only the evaporator to process wastewater.

### ***The Bottom Line***

The membrane filtration installation delivered the key benefit TVG expected to achieve—zero discharge operation while not using the evaporation ponds.

Another critical benefit is that the three-day olive-curing process greatly reduced the chemical costs for olive processing, offsetting energy cost increases. The value of these process-chemical savings is proprietary, so a total operating cost comparison for before-and-after project installation can not be completed.

A summary of operational characteristics is listed below and in summarized in Table 11.

- The plant remains open, saving 575 jobs.
- Zero wastewater is discharged to evaporation ponds.
- Energy costs are 101% higher than base-case (i.e., evaporation pond) operation and 29% higher than expected in the initial design.
- Filtration-system chemical costs are four times higher than expected.
- System-wide chemical cleaning costs are nearly 10 times higher than expected in the final design, as shown in Table 12.

**Table 11: Membrane Filtration System Performance<sup>1</sup>**

<i>Performance Characteristics</i>			<i>Base Case</i>	<i>Membrane Plant</i>			<i>Savings (operation vs. base)</i>
				<i>Initial Design</i>	<i>Final Design</i>	<i>Final Operation</i>	
<i>Energy Use</i>							
Fuel	Process steam	Therms/yr	876,780	1,367,000	1,267,940	1,921,410	-119%
Electricity	Plant use	kWh/yr	4,977,810	7,942,857	7,138,953	9,757,334	-96%
	Well-water pumping	kWh/yr	150,476	9,048	13,714	14,286	91%
	Total	kWh/yr	5,128,286	7,951,905	7,152,667	9,771,620	-91%
<i>Energy Cost</i>	\$0.08/kWh \$0.25/therm	\$/yr	629,458	977,902	889,198	1,262,082	-101%
<i>Water Flows</i>	Well-water	mgd	1.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	92%
	Wastewater	mgd	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	100%

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<i>Performance Characteristics</i>			<i>Base Case</i>	<i>Membrane Plant</i>			<i>Savings (operation vs. base)</i>
				<i>Initial Design</i>	<i>Final Design</i>	<i>Final Operation</i>	
Maintenance <sup>2</sup>	Membrane system	\$million/yr	0	0.7	0.7	0.7	0

<sup>1</sup> Data listed for a 20,000-ton production run (one "unit"), the total for approximately one year.

<sup>2</sup> Costs for membrane replacement and pump wear.

Olive pumace sales to the cogeneration plant have been inconsistent since the nearby plant was closed for a period. With the plant using 51% more gas and 37% more electricity than the final design, the source energy usage and air emissions have increased proportionally. Table 12 compares chemical costs associated with the membrane system. As noted earlier, the system's chemicals cost about ten times more than expected.

**Table 12: Zero-Discharge System Chemical Cleaning Cost Comparison**

<i>Component</i>	<i>Initial Design (\$/yr)</i>	<i>Final Design (\$/yr)</i>	<i>Actual Operation (\$/yr)</i>
Membrane filtration	0	46,000	255,000
Evaporator	0	2,100	51,000
Carbon filters	0	0	59,000
ZPM separation units	0	0	56,000
Ozonation	0	0	30,000
<i>Total</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>48,000</i>	<i>451,000</i>

Table 13 compares the initial and final budgets, as well as the actual construction cost. The UF and RO equipment contributed the most to the cost increase, although some costs dropped, such as the storm water collection system. In addition to the direct costs listed below, TVG and Oberti technical staff contributed over 40,000 man-hours to the project.

**Table 13: Project Budget Comparison**

<i>Component</i>	<i>Initial Budget (\$)</i>	<i>Final Budget (\$)</i>	<i>Actual Cost (\$)</i>
Ultrafiltration and Reverse Osmosis	1,900,000	2,300,000	2,200,000
Evaporation	1,900,000	2,200,000	2,400,000
Dryer	700,000	0	0
Buildings	25,000	120,000	80,000
Electrical, Controls	500,000	500,000	600,000
Automate UF,RO Data Collection	400,000	300,000	200,000
Tanks and Piping	600,000	1,200,000	2,800,000
Storm Water Collection	800,000	300,000	70,000
Contingency	600,000	680,000	na

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<i>Component</i>	<i>Initial Budget</i> (\$)	<i>Final Budget</i> (\$)	<i>Actual Cost</i> (\$)
<i>Total Project Cost</i>	7,425,000	7,600,000	8,350,000

### ***Changing Business Conditions***

Changing business conditions have forced the Oberti Olive plant to cut costs to remain competitive. In late 1999 plant management identified new frozen-food markets not requiring a canned product. This should allow the plant to operate without the membrane filtration unit and its associated high operating costs. Instead, the evaporator can concentrate all of the reduced wastewater flow, with the waste sludge still being shipped to the animal feed supplier. Although the membrane filtration plant will likely not be used, it allowed the plant to remain operational for the last 10 years and plant management applied their knowledge of zero-discharge plant operation to develop a revised process with greatly reduced operating cost to serve the new market.

### ***Suggestions for Future Installations***

TVG engineers, research staff, and plant operators have learned many lessons in implementing their zero-discharge membrane filtration system. A number of items were identified earlier in discussions on how TVG addressed various issues. The following are additional suggestions:

#### *Business Issues*

- Develop good working relationships with potential equipment vendors before starting a project.
- Consider having a small decision-making group constantly involved in the project to cut costs.
- Constantly evaluate the project as it is being designed and installed.
- To reduce cost from change orders, don't change a part once it has been ordered or construction has started.
- Identify outlets for solid wastes that will not cause long-term environmental problems.
- Implement a skills-testing process to identify appropriate plant operators. TVG's use of the "Skills 2000" operator selection system was very successful. TVG and the equipment supplier compiled a list of operator skills, functions, and operator requirements. An outside firm conducted the testing with the cooperation of the plant bargaining unit.

#### *Process Design Issues*

- Understand the plant process, process flows, flow components, and how they relate to each other.
- Be willing to invest extensive efforts in testing alternative designs.
- Reduce process flows if possible before implementing a filtration project.
- Treat waste sources upstream in the process rather than at the plant outlet.
- Test waste streams to confirm compatibility with membranes under consideration.



- Apply programmable logic controllers (PLCs) and man-machine-interface (MMI) to reduce the plant operator's learning curve.

### *Technology Selection Issues*

- Investigate new technologies. As a result of the lessons learned at the Oberti Olive plant manufacturers are taking steps to reduce the costs of membrane replacement, cleaning, and energy use.
- Understand that membrane filtration installations in wastewater treatment applications are more difficult than for other process flows.
- Realize that each membrane filtration installation in each manufacturing process is unique and requires a site-specific design.

### **Current Market Conditions**

To TVG's knowledge, no other zero-discharge plants have been designed using membrane technology. The two other California olive plants currently do not face environmental restrictions to make them interested in achieving a zero-discharge operation.

## 7. Potential California Applications

### ***Best Applications***

As demonstrated at the TVG installation, good candidate sites for applying membrane filtration on wastewater systems are those facing a need to address environmental regulations that are so restrictive they would cause financial hardship. Table 14 summarizes characteristics of good candidate sites for membrane filtration.

**Table 14: Characteristics of Candidates for Membrane Filtration**

<i>Characteristic</i>	<i>Observation</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Needing to upgrade evaporation pond lining</li> <li>• Needing to expand evaporation pond capacity</li> <li>• Facing increased water supply costs</li> <li>• Facing increasing wastewater treatment costs from a municipality.</li> <li>• Experiencing high water evaporation costs (e.g., inefficient evaporators or high gas costs)</li> <li>• Valuable by-products are lost in wastewater streams.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As TVG discovered, environmental regulations can become more stringent over time, negating previous efforts to remain within compliance.</li> <li>• Implementing a zero-discharge design may be less expensive and faster than acquiring new land and associated permits for new evaporation ponds.</li> <li>• California's water-supply is getting tighter, with higher flows guaranteed for environmental needs (e.g., salmon spawning) and with a quickly growing population. Eventually water prices will increase, making zero-discharge designs more cost-effective.</li> <li>• Some municipalities penalize industrial plants that contribute heavily to their systems.</li> <li>• Energy savings from reusing rather than evaporating water are more valuable in high energy-cost systems.</li> <li>• Filtration would recover the by-products.</li> </ul>

### ***Candidate Companies***

Membrane filtration technologies are used by the dairy, chemical, and pulp and paper industries, and other businesses that use large volumes of water for processing and/or want to recover byproducts from their waste streams. The food processing industry is one of California's largest users—over 8,000 plants each use an average of one million gallons per day to wash, cook, and package foods. Many food processors generate and discharge large quantities of wastewater to municipal treatment facilities.

As demonstrated by the TVG installation, food processors can successfully apply membrane filtration technology. Several California food processing plants have successfully applied the technology to reduce wastewater treatment costs, including a Sunkist Growers orange juice processing plant in Tipton and a Del Monte fruit cocktail canning plant in San Jose.

Olive plants are obvious candidates to install membrane filtration systems and apply the lessons learned at TVG. However, the two primary olive plants remaining in California<sup>4</sup> (and the U.S.) do not face comparable environmental restrictions. One continues to use evaporation ponds while the other discharges directly into the Sacramento River.

Researchers have identified tomato processors as intensive water users, making them good candidates for membrane filtration. Peach and pear industries are also potential candidates, as noted by Oberti Olive Division staff.

### ***Information Resources***

CIFAR, at UC Davis, is a valuable resource to identify potential California membrane filtration applications and apply the technology. Dr. Jatal Mannapperuma and Dr. Jurgen Strasser from CIFAR were instrumental in qualifying TVG's candidate technologies and are available to consult on future membrane applications.

Further, Jatal Mannapperuma developed two references that describe potential membrane applications in the California food processing industry:

- Membrane Applications in Food Processing, Volume 1: Fruit and Vegetable Processing Industry; The Final Report on the Membrane Application Demonstrations Conducted by the Mobile Test Demonstration Unit at Eight Fruit and Vegetable Processing Plants in California During October 1992–February 1994; CIFAR, UC Davis PIO Report CR-105377-V1.
- Survey of Water Use in the California Food Processing Industry, presented at the 1993 Food Industries Environmental Conference.

A second information source to identify potential membrane applications is the 1997 California Business Register database, which lists all California companies and categorizes them according to business type. Each company listing includes a range of characteristics, including site contacts and sales volume.

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<sup>4</sup> “Boutique” olive processors have insignificant production compared to the three major plants.

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A database sort to identify potential membrane-filtration sites in California for the 2033 SIC code (canned fruits and specialties) gave some 130 sites. These are listed in Appendix B: Potential Applications at California Food Processing Plants. For each site the following data are included:

- Company name, address, and phone number
- Executive contact and title
- Business description
- Number of employees
- Annual sales

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## APPENDICES

## ***Appendix A: Project Participants***

### Major Vendors

#### **GEA Niro Inc.**

*Process Technology Division*

9165 Rumsey Road  
Columbia, MD 21045-1991  
Bo Bjarekull

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1600 O'Keefe Road  
Hudson, WI 54016  
Swami Sinundrum

#### **Desal Desalination Systems Inc**

760 Shadowridge Drive  
Vista, CA 92083-7986  
Fred Liberatore

#### **ECOLAB**

Klenzade Food and Beverage Division  
8912 E. Pinnacle Peak Road  
Suite 625  
Scottsdale, AZ 85255  
Dennis E. Harman

#### **ZPM**

Oil Removal Pre-treatment Equipment

Dwain E. Morse  
5770 Thornwood Drive  
Santa Barbara, CA 93177

#### **Matheny Industrial Builders**

General Contractor  
PO Box 549  
Ceres, CA 95307  
Ira Matheny

#### **Foster Commodities**

Animal Feed  
1900 Kern Street  
Kingsburg, CA 93631  
Don Jones

Consulting and Design

**Complere Engineering**

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4230 Kiernan Ave

Modesto, CA 95356-9323

Dennis Thorpe

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Clinton Lowell, Jr.

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Richard Claiborn	CFO
Fred Baker	Group VP Agriculture & Operations
Dave Wissing	Manager of Operations Services
* Mike Bodine	Manager, Mechanical Engineering (Project Manager)
* Don Jepson Ph.D.	Manager, Process Engineering
* Bob Moore	Plant Manager, Oberti Olive Division
Carl Beckwith	Manager of Electrical Engineering
Steve Smialkowski	Manager of Control Engineering
Jon Satterfield	Project Engineer
Herb Kangas	Field Engineer

\* Design team for final design and construction. This team approved all design concepts, construction, and modifications.



## ***Appendix B: Potential Applications at California Food Processing Plants***

### **Agrigold Juice Products**

PO Box 1630  
Corona, CA 91718-1630  
Phone: 909-272-2600  
Reid Neu, Partner  
Processes fresh and frozen citrus juices  
Sales Range: \$5 to \$9.99 Million

### **American Home Food Products Inc**

500 Crocker Dr  
Vacaville, CA 95688-9245  
Phone: 707-448-8411  
Manufactures processed foods and tomato paste  
Sales Range: \$1 to \$4.99 Million

### **Artichoke Industries Inc**

PO Box 1307  
Castroville, CA 95012-1307  
Phone: 408-633-2423  
Valerie Woerner, President  
Manufactures canned artichokes, brussels sprouts, mushrooms and asparagus  
Sales Range: \$5 to \$9.99 Million

### **Asian Condiments & Spices Ltd**

14455 Don Julian Rd  
La Puente, CA 91746-3102  
Phone: 818-336-3886  
David Lee, President  
Manufactures canned fruits and vegetables  
Sales Range: \$10 to \$24.9 Million

### **Atwater Canning Co**

PO Box 814  
Atwater, CA 95301  
Phone: 209-358-5616  
Cans beans and tomatoes  
Sales Range: \$5 to \$9.99 Million

### **Bell Carter Foods Inc**

3742 Mount Diablo Blvd  
Lafayette, CA 94549-3606  
Phone: 510-284-5933  
Jud Carter, President  
Ripe olive canning  
Sales Range: \$1 to \$4.99 Million

### **Bell Flavors & Fragrances Inc**

PO Box 867  
Larkspur, CA 94977-0867  
Phone: 415-924-5818  
Manufactures aromatic chemicals, concentrated fruit juices and essences  
Sales Range: \$10 to \$24.9 Million

### **Bell-Carter Olive Co**

1012 2nd St  
Corning, CA 96021-3248  
Phone: 916-824-2901  
Jud Carter, President  
Olive cannery  
Sales Range: \$50 to \$99.9 Million

### **Bunge Foods**

16911 S Normandie Ave  
Gardena, CA 90247-5437  
Phone: 310-719-2600  
Manufactures prepared mixes, fruit products  
Sales Range: \$100 to \$499 Million



**CA Custom Fruits & Flavors Inc**

5800 Ayala Ave  
Irwindale, CA 91706-6215  
Phone: 818-812-6555  
Terrence Hall, President  
Manufactures canned fruits and vegetables,  
jams and jellies  
Sales Range: \$25 to \$49.9 Million

**Cadbury Beverages Inc/Motts USA**

3 Pointe Dr #313  
Brea, CA 92621  
Phone: 714-990-9154  
Manufactures apple juice and mixer  
products  
Sales Range: Under \$1 Million

**California Citrus Pulp Company**

PO Box 667  
Lindsay, CA 93247-0667  
Phone: 209-562-6008  
Manufactures canned and frozen citrus  
products and juice bases for the baking,  
condiment, confectionary, dairy, flavoring  
and food manufacturers  
Sales Range: \$1 to \$4.99 Million

**California Custom Foods Inc**

PO Box 2695  
Lodi, CA 95241-2695  
Phone: 209-369-3333  
Robert W Brewer, President  
Processes canned fruits and vegetables  
Sales Range: Under \$1 Million

**California Day-Fresh Foods Inc**

533 W Foothill Blvd  
Glendora, CA 91741-2476  
Phone: 818-852-2500  
Richard Bennett, President  
Fruit and vegetable juices, fresh and frozen  
Sales Range: \$5 to \$9.99 Million

**Cantisano Foods Inc**

1776 Park St  
Selma, CA 93662-3622  
Phone: 209-896-7536  
Processes tomato based sauces  
Sales Range: Over \$500 Million

**Carol Hall's Hot Pepper Jelly Co**

330 N Main St  
Fort Bragg, CA 95437-3406  
Phone: 707-961-1422  
Carol T Hall, Owner  
Manufactures canned jams, jellies,  
mustards, salsa, dressings, chutney, syrups  
and herbs  
Sales Range: Over \$500 Million

**Carriage House Fruit**

PO Box 1390  
Watsonville, CA 95077  
Phone: 408-722-7022  
Manufactures canned fruits and vegetables,  
jams and jellies  
Sales Range: \$1 to \$4.99 Million

**Christopher Ranch**

305 Bloomfield Ave  
Gilroy, CA 95020-9516  
Phone: 408-847-1100  
Don Christopher, President  
Fresh garlic; jarred chopped and crushed  
garlic; pesto, salsa, fresh peeled garlic  
Sales Range: \$10 to \$24.9 Million

**Cliffstar Corporation**

11751 Pacific Ave  
Fontana, CA 92335-6951  
Phone: 909-685-1700  
Manufactures juices and drinks-- apple,  
cranberry, grape, grapefruit, orange and  
pineapple  
Sales Range: \$1 to \$4.99 Million

**Colusa County Canning Company**

6229 Meyers Rd  
Williams, CA 95987-5800  
Phone: 916-473-2871  
Manufactures bulk paste, tomato paste  
Sales Range: \$10 to \$24.9 Million

**Consolidated Food Mgmt Corp**

3198 Airport Loop Dr  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626-3407  
Phone: 714-708-2349  
Manufactures pasta, noodles and sauce  
Sales Range: \$25 to \$49.9 Million

**Contadina Foods Inc**

PO Box 2030  
Woodland, CA 95776-2030  
Phone: 916-662-8661  
Produces tomato products  
Sales Range: \$1 to \$4.99 Million

**Country Fresh Products**

PO Box 1324  
Sonoma, CA 95476-1324  
Phone: 707-996-2073  
Christine Williams, Owner  
Manufactures and packages fruit juice  
Sales Range: \$5 to \$9.99 Million

**Cowboy Caviar**

28362 Marguerite Pkwy #11  
Mission Viejo, CA 92692-3725  
Phone: 714-364-2242  
Gail Farrell, Owner  
Manufactures canned fruits and vegetables,  
jams and jellies  
Sales Range: \$25 to \$49.9 Million

**Crown Processing Company**

PO Box 1  
Bellflower, CA 90707-0001  
Phone: 562-865-0293  
J H Bowen, President

Processes citrus rind  
Sales Range: \$5 to \$9.99 Million

**Custom Pack Inc**

11800 Cardinal Cir  
Garden Grove, CA 92643-3817  
Phone: 714-534-5353  
Robert DeCasas, President  
Manufactures canned fruits and vegetables,  
jams and jellies  
Sales Range: \$1 to \$4.99 Million

**Del Monte Foods**

PO Box 193575  
San Francisco, CA 94119-3575  
Phone: 415-247-3000  
Brian W Haycox, Co-Chairman  
Manufactures and distributes canned fruits,  
vegetables, juices, nectars, fruit juice drinks  
and snack cups  
Sales Range: \$100 to \$499 Million

**Del Monte Foods/Plant 1**

PO Box 576008  
Modesto, CA 95357-6008  
Phone: 209-527-3850  
Manufactures, distributes, processes and  
cans tomatoes  
Sales Range: \$1 to \$4.99 Million

**Del Monte Foods/Plant 25**

PO Box 7  
Kingsburg, CA 93631-0007  
Phone: 209-897-2901  
Cans peaches, zucchini and corn  
Sales Range: \$1 to \$4.99 Million

**Del Monte Foods/Plant 3**

PO Box 69  
San Jose, CA 95103-0069  
Phone: 408-291-2400  
Processes and cans fruits  
Sales Range: Under \$1 Million

**Del Monte Foods/Plant 33**

PO Box 30190  
Stockton, CA 95213-0190  
Phone: 209-466-9011  
Processes and distributes peaches  
Sales Range: \$1 to \$4.99 Million

**Delta Space Corporation**

681 S Clarence St  
Los Angeles, CA 90023-1112  
Phone: 213-268-8897  
Maurice Portnoy, President  
Manufactures canned fruits and vegetables,  
jams and jellies  
Sales Range: Under \$1 Million

**Diana Fruit Co**

651 Mathew St  
Santa Clara, CA 95050  
Phone: 408-727-9631  
Eugene C Acronico, President  
Processes cherries  
Sales Range:

**Dole Food Company Inc**

PO Box 5132  
Westlake Village, CA 91359-5132  
Phone: 818-879-6600  
David A De Lorenzo, President  
Grows and produces fresh and packaged  
fruits and vegetables, juices and nuts  
(corporate office)  
Sales Range: \$10 to \$24.9 Million

**Dole Fresh Vegetables Company**

PO Box 1759  
Salinas, CA 93902-1759  
Phone: 408-422-8871  
Lawrence S Kern, President  
Grows and processes fresh and value-  
added vegetables  
Sales Range: \$1 to \$4.99 Million

**Dole Packaged Foods Co**

PO Box 5500  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91359-5500  
Phone: 818-874-4000  
Peter S Nolan, President  
Produces packaged fruits, juices and nuts  
Sales Range:

**E Waldo Ward & Son**

PO Box 266  
Sierra Madre, CA 91025-0266  
Phone: 818-355-1218  
Richard H Ward, Owner  
Manufactures specialty preserves, jams and  
jellies  
Sales Range: \$50 to \$99.9 Million

**El Toro Food Products Inc**

109 Lee Rd #B  
Watsonville, CA 95076-9422  
Phone: 408-728-9266  
Richard Thomas, President  
Manufactures canned salsas, sauces and  
vegetables  
Sales Range: \$10 to \$24.9 Million

**Escalon Packers Inc**

1905 McHenry Ave  
Escalon, CA 95320-9601  
Phone: 209-838-7341  
Tomato processor  
Sales Range: \$1 to \$4.99 Million

**Fruit Fillings Inc**

2531 E Edgar Ave  
Fresno, CA 93706-5410  
Phone: 209-237-4715  
Stephen Norcross, President  
Manufactures fruits, jams and jellies in pails  
Sales Range: \$100 to \$499 Million

**G L Mezzetta Inc**

1201 E MacArthur St  
Sonoma, CA 95476  
Phone: 707-938-8388  
Ronald Mezzetta, President  
Processes mixed vegetables, onions,  
peppers, pickles; BBQ sauce  
Sales Range: Under \$1 Million

**Gangi Bros Packing Co**

PO Box 830  
Riverbank, CA 95367  
Phone: 209-869-9300  
Full line of tomato concentrates and peeled  
products  
Sales Range: \$1 to \$4.99 Million

**H A Rider & Sons**

2482 Freedom Blvd  
Watsonville, CA 95076-1099  
Phone: 408-722-3882  
Clint Rider, Partner  
Manufactures canned fruit and vegetables  
juices, drinks and blends; co-packs teas,  
juices, drinks and blends  
Sales Range:

**H J Heinz Company**

PO Box 57  
Stockton, CA 95201-3057  
Phone: 209-948-2782  
Tomato processing for paste  
Sales Range: Over \$500 Million

**H J Heinz Company**

PO Box 57  
Tracy, CA 95378-0057  
Phone: 209-832-4241  
Tomato processing for paste  
Sales Range: \$1 to \$4.99 Million

**Harmony Juice Inc**

1206 W Burbank Blvd #6-10  
Burbank, CA 91506-1416  
Phone: 818-567-6328  
Hector Rivera, President  
Manufactures juices, juice blends and  
nutritional supplements  
Sales Range: Over \$500 Million

**Harter Tomato Products Company**

PO Box 1688  
Yuba City, CA 95992-1688  
Phone: 916-673-3100  
Chris Rufer, President  
Manufactures and distributes canned  
tomato paste  
Sales Range: \$10 to \$24.9 Million

**Heinke's Inc**

PO Box 369  
Chico, CA 95927-0369  
Phone: 916-891-1517  
Bill Knudsen, President  
Natural fruit juices  
Sales Range: \$1 to \$4.99 Million

**Hunt-Wesson Inc**

1645 W Valencia Dr  
Fullerton, CA 92833  
Phone: 714-680-1000  
Dave J Gustin, President  
Manufactures and markets Hunt's, Wesson,  
Peter Pan, LaChoy, Rosarita, Healthy  
Choice and other food products  
Sales Range: \$5 to \$9.99 Million

**Hunt-Wesson Inc**

554 S Yosemite Ave  
Oakdale, CA 95361-4037  
Phone: 209-847-0321  
Manufactures Hunt's, Wesson, Peter Pan,  
LaChoy, Rosarita, Healthy Choice and  
other products

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Sales Range: \$10 to \$24.9 Million

Sales Range: \$25 to \$49.9 Million

### **Ingomar Packing**

PO Box 1448

Los Banos, CA 93635-1448

Phone: 209-826-9494

Gerald Stoltenberg, Partner

Manufactures and distributes tomato paste

Sales Range: \$100 to \$499 Million

### **J R Wood Inc**

1117 K St

Sanger, CA 93657-3200

Phone: 209-875-3354

Manufactures, distributes and sells fruit products

Sales Range: Over \$500 Million

### **Juicy Whip Inc**

15845 Business Center Dr

Irwindale, CA 91706-2053

Phone: 818-338-5339

Gus Stratton, President

Manufactures and distributes fruit juice concentrate

Sales Range: \$25 to \$49.9 Million

### **Kagome USA Inc**

1825 S Grant St #600

San Mateo, CA 94402-2662

Phone: 415-349-2271

Nobu Komiya, President

Manufactures tomato-based food service products-- catsup, spaghetti sauces; tea, juices and soft drinks

Sales Range: \$100 to \$499 Million

### **King Kelly Marmalade Co Inc**

PO Box 1

Bellflower, CA 90707-0001

Phone: 562-865-0291

J H Bowen, President

Produces orange marmalade and jams

**Knott's Berry Farm Foods**

PO Box 1989  
Placentia, CA 92670-0889  
Phone: 714-579-2400  
Will Lyn, President  
Jams and jellies; salad dressings  
Sales Range:

**Kozlowski Farms**

5566 Gravenstein Hwy N  
Forestville, CA 95436-9609  
Phone: 707-887-1587  
Manufactures specialty food products--  
jams, salad dressings, 100% fruit spreads,  
butters and chutney, mustards and vinegars;  
grows fresh berries and organic apples  
Sales Range: \$50 to \$99.9 Million

**Kraft Foods Inc/Capri Sun**

2494 S Orange Ave  
Fresno, CA 93725-1328  
Phone: 209-441-8515  
Manufactures canned fruits and vegetables,  
jams, jellies and juices  
Sales Range: \$1 to \$4.99 Million

**L & A Juice Co Inc**

16195 Stephens St  
City of Industry, CA 91745-1718  
Phone: 818-336-1666  
Nathan Langer, President  
Bottled and canned fruit juices, soft drinks  
Sales Range: Over \$500 Million

**La Victoria Foods Inc**

PO Box 3884  
City of Industry, CA 91744-0884  
Phone: 818-333-0787  
Robert C Tanklage, President  
Canned and bottled Mexican food  
specialties (corporate office)  
Sales Range: Over \$500 Million



**LDS Cannery**

4720 Mercury St  
San Diego, CA 92111-2103  
Phone: 619-569-8400  
Manufactures tomato paste and sauce  
Sales Range: \$25 to \$49.9 Million

**Los Gatos Tomato Products**

PO Box 429  
Huron, CA 93234-0429  
Phone: 209-945-2700  
Processes tomato paste  
Sales Range: Under \$1 Million

**Ludfords Inc**

8728 Utica Ave  
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730-5115  
Phone: 909-948-0797  
Paul Ludford, President  
Manufactures canned fruits and vegetables,  
jams and jellies  
Sales Range: Over \$500 Million

**Manzana Products Co Inc**

PO Box 209  
Sebastopol, CA 95473-0209  
Phone: 707-823-5313  
Constance Sandborn, President  
Manufactures, distributes and sells apple  
juice and applesauce  
Sales Range: \$100 to \$499 Million

**Miss Scarlett Inc**

PO Box 1488  
Burlingame, CA 94011-1488  
Phone: 415-340-9600  
Peggy Luper, President  
Manufactures canned fruits and vegetables,  
jams and jellies  
Sales Range: \$1 to \$4.99 Million

**Moline Mfg Co Inc**

510 E Arrow Hwy  
San Dimas, CA 91773-3341  
Phone: 909-599-7113  
Gary Moline, President  
Manufactures fruit and vegetable juice  
Sales Range: \$100 to \$499 Million

**Monterey Mushrooms**

PO Box 818  
Morgan Hill, CA 95038-0818  
Phone: 408-779-4191  
Food agribusiness; processes mushrooms  
Sales Range:

**Monterey Mushrooms**

260 Westgate Dr  
Watsonville, CA 95076  
Phone: 408-763-5300  
Shah Kazemi, President  
Food agribusiness; grows and ships fresh  
mushrooms  
Sales Range: \$10 to \$24.9 Million

**Mooney Farms**

1220 Fortress St  
Chico, CA 95973  
Phone: 916-899-2661  
Steve Mooney, Partner  
Manufactures sun dried tomato products,  
sun dried tomatoes in olive oil and sun dried  
tomato pesto  
Sales Range: Over \$500 Million

**Morning Star Packing Company**

13448 Volta Rd  
Los Banos, CA 93635  
Phone: 209-826-8000  
Manufactures canned fruits and vegetables,  
jams and jellies  
Sales Range: \$100 to \$499 Million

**Nasco Gourmet Foods Inc**

14752 Franklin Ave  
Tustin, CA 92780  
Phone: 714-731-5000  
Manufactures salsa, coleslaw and fresh  
salads (sales office)  
Sales Range:

**Naturipe Berry Growers**

PO Box 1703  
Gilroy, CA 95021-1703  
Phone: 408-842-7166  
Processors, vegetables and fruits  
Sales Range:

**Naturipe Berry Growers**

PO Box 1630  
Watsonville, CA 95077  
Phone: 408-722-2430  
Larry Shikuma, President  
Grows and processes fruits and preserves  
Sales Range: \$1 to \$4.99 Million

**Nestle Beverage Co**

6140 Stoneridge Mall Rd #175  
Pleasanton, CA 94588-3233  
Phone: 510-416-4600  
Manufactures and wholesales coffee, cocoa  
and juice (sales office)  
Sales Range: \$1 to \$4.99 Million

**Nestle Food Company/Contadina**

10652 Jackson Ave  
Hanford, CA 93230-9552  
Phone: 209-582-3271  
Manufactures canned fruits and vegetables,  
jams and jellies  
Sales Range: \$10 to \$24.9 Million

**Nielson Citrus Products Co Inc**

15621 Computer Ln  
Huntington Beach, CA 92649-1607  
Phone: 714-892-5586  
Chris L Nielsen, President  
Manufactures lemon and lime juice--  
frozen, non-pasteurized, pasteurized and  
shelf stable  
Sales Range: \$25 to \$49.9 Million

**Oasis Foods Inc**

3381 Steven Creek Blvd  
San Jose, CA 95117  
Phone: 408-247-6650  
Chas R Bocks Jr, President  
Canned fruits  
Sales Range: \$10 to \$24.9 Million

**Old Ranchers Canning Co Inc**

PO Box 458  
Upland, CA 91785-0458  
Phone: 909-982-8895  
Donald P Graber, President & GM  
Custom canners of poultry, meat,  
vegetables, seafood and olives  
Sales Range: \$25 to \$49.9 Million

**Olive Seville Company**

PO Box 7  
Strathmore, CA 93267-0007  
Phone: 209-568-2113  
Cans and sells olives, fruits and vegetables  
Sales Range: \$1 to \$4.99 Million

**Orange Bang Inc**

8600 Tamarack Ave  
Sun Valley, CA 91352-2592  
Phone: 213-875-3215  
David Fox, President  
Manufactures and distributes natural fruit  
beverages  
Sales Range: \$100 to \$499 Million

**Pacific Coast Producers**

PO Box 880  
Lodi, CA 95241-0880  
Phone: 209-334-3352  
Manufactures and wholesales canned fruits  
and vegetables  
Sales Range: \$10 to \$24.9 Million

**Pacific Coast Producers**

PO Box 1600  
Lodi, CA 95241-1600  
Phone: 209-367-8800  
Larry D Clay, President  
Manufactures and wholesales canned fruits  
and vegetables (corporate office)  
Sales Range: \$100 to \$499 Million

**Pacific Coast Producers**

PO Box 32  
Oroville, CA 95965-0032  
Phone: 916-533-4311  
Manufactures canned fruits and vegetables,  
jams and jellies  
Sales Range: \$10 to \$24.9 Million

**Paramount Juice Company**

1961 E Vernon Ave  
Vernon, CA 90058-1610  
Phone: 213-846-5950  
Dotson Bennett, President  
Manufactures fresh fruit juices for  
beverages and cooking ingredients  
Sales Range: \$1 to \$4.99 Million

**Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co**

7550 Reese Rd  
Sacramento, CA 95828-3707  
Phone: 916-423-1000  
Manufactures Pepsi products-- soft drinks,  
bottled juices and water  
Sales Range: \$10 to \$24.9 Million

**Pokka Beverages Inc**

1201 Commerce Blvd  
American Canyon, CA 94589-9616  
Phone: 707-557-0500  
M Kaklhara, President & CEO  
Manufactures, exports and imports  
wholesale beverages-- soft drinks, juices,  
wines, coffees and teas  
Sales Range: \$50 to \$99.9 Million

**Procter & Gamble**

1230 N Tustin Ave  
Anaheim, CA 92807-1617  
Phone: 714-630-6251  
Manufactures Sunny Delight citrus punch  
Sales Range: \$25 to \$49.9 Million

**Quality Assured Packing Inc**

PO Box 55308  
Stockton, CA 95205-8808  
Phone: 209-931-6700  
Processes tomatoes  
Sales Range: Over \$500 Million

**Red Wing Co Inc/California Div**

PO Box 49009  
San Jose, CA 95161-9009  
Phone: 408-259-4800  
Preserves, jellies, peanut butter, table  
syrops, fountain fruit and tomato products  
Sales Range: \$1 to \$4.99 Million

**River Ranch-Los Angeles**

777 S Mission Rd  
Los Angeles, CA 90023-1012  
Phone: 213-588-4203  
Processes vegetables  
Sales Range: \$100 to \$499 Million

**S & W Fine Foods Inc**

5010 Loma Vista Ave  
Los Angeles, CA 90058-3299  
Phone: 213-588-3141

Processes and distributes canned fruit and vegetables; coffee; packaged nuts  
Sales Range: \$25 to \$49.9 Million

Peppers and pimentos

Sales Range: \$100 to \$499 Million

**S & W Fine Foods Inc**

4900 Hopyard Rd Ste 285  
Pleasanton, CA 94588-3347  
Phone: 510-734-9750

Manufactures canned beans and potatoes  
Sales Range: Over \$500 Million

**S & W Fine Foods Inc**

736 S Mariposa Rd  
Modesto, CA 95354-4115  
Phone: 209-578-3882

Manufactures canned beans and potatoes  
Sales Range: \$10 to \$24.9 Million

**Safeway Inc**

1111 Marina Blvd  
San Leandro, CA 94577-3364  
Phone: 510-613-2929

Manufactures, distributes and sells canned fruits and vegetables, jams and jellies, juices and salsa

Sales Range: Over \$500 Million

**Sam's Juice Company**

14402 Bond Ct  
El Cajon, CA 92021-2849  
Phone: 619-561-2000

Manufactures fresh fruit juices

Sales Range: \$10 to \$24.9 Million

**Saticoy Foods Corp**

PO Box 4547  
Ventura, CA 93007-0547  
Phone: 805-647-5266  
Jerry Hensley, President

**Seville Olive Co**

663 S Anderson St  
Los Angeles, CA 90023-1197  
Phone: 213-261-2218  
Louis Pavlic, President  
Olive packers, onions, cherries, and  
peppers  
Sales Range: Over \$500 Million

**Simply Fresh Fruit Inc**

PO Box 21328  
Los Angeles, CA 90021-0328  
Phone: 213-747-7774  
Mark Strongin, President  
Manufactures canned fruits  
Sales Range: \$25 to \$49.9 Million

**SK PM Corp**

PO Box 160  
Lemoore, CA 93245  
Phone: 209-924-6500  
Fred Salyer, President  
Manufactures and sells bulk, bins and  
drums of tomato paste and diced tomatoes  
Sales Range: \$25 to \$49.9 Million

**Squeeze Fresh Juice Inc**

PO Box 21443  
Los Angeles, CA 90021-0443  
Phone: 213-623-5013  
Robert Goldberg, President  
Manufactures, distributes and sells bottled  
juices  
Sales Range: \$10 to \$24.9 Million

**Stanislaus Food Products Co Inc**

PO Box 3951  
Modesto, CA 95352  
Phone: 209-522-7201  
Bob Ilse, President  
Canned tomato products  
Sales Range: \$10 to \$24.9 Million

**Stone Cellar Kitchens**

5821 Wilderness Ave  
Riverside, CA 92504-1004  
Phone: 909-352-5713  
Richard Harris, Co-Owner  
Produces jams and jellies  
Sales Range: \$25 to \$49.9 Million

**Sun Garden Packing Co**

PO Box 6180  
San Jose, CA 95150-6180  
Phone: 408-283-8200  
Richard L Di Napoli, President  
Canned fruits and vegetables  
Sales Range: Over \$500 Million

**Sunkist Growers Inc**

PO Box 3720  
Ontario, CA 91761-0993  
Phone: 909-983-9811  
Canned juices and citrus products  
Sales Range:

**Sunkist Growers Inc/San Joaquin**

PO Box 99  
Tipton, CA 93272-0099  
Phone: 209-752-4284  
Bulk citrus processing facility (orange concentrate)  
Sales Range:

**Sunny Farms Corp**

2400 Florida Ave  
Richmond, CA 94804-2822  
Phone: 510-620-0280  
Jose Gatchalian, President  
Produces fruit juices and mineral water  
Sales Range:

**Super Store Industries**

8001 Red Top Rd  
Vallejo, CA 94589-9747  
Phone: 707-864-0502

Manufactures and bottles fluid milk, juice  
Sales Range: Over \$500 Million

**The Barlow Company**

PO Box 1579  
Sebastopol, CA 95473-1579  
Phone: 707-823-6401  
Thomas Barlow, President  
Manufactures and sells apple juice and apple sauce  
Sales Range: Over \$500 Million

**The J M Smucker Company**

PO Box 81447  
Salinas, CA 93912-1447  
Phone: 408-424-2761  
Jams, jellies, preserves, fruit butters, syrups  
Sales Range: \$25 to \$49.9 Million

**The J M Smucker Company**

PO Box 2730  
Watsonville, CA 95077-2730  
Phone: 408-722-8181  
Frozen fruit; strawberries, oranges, apples, peaches, apricots and industrial fruit products  
Sales Range: Over \$500 Million

**Trader Vic's Food Products Co**

PO Box 8603  
Emeryville, CA 94662-0603  
Phone: 510-658-9722  
Lynn Bergeron, President  
Non-alcoholic cocktail mixes, syrups, salad dressings  
Sales Range: \$1 to \$4.99 Million

**Tri Valley Growers**

PO Box 511  
Los Banos, CA 93635-0511  
Phone: 209-826-1970  
Cans tomatoes; processes cherries and fruit juices  
Sales Range: Under \$1 Million

**Tri Valley Growers**

PO Box 7114  
San Francisco, CA 94120-7114  
Phone: 415-837-4000  
Joseph Famalette, Pres & CEO  
Packers, canners; grower-owned food  
processing organization  
Sales Range: \$5 to \$9.99 Million

**Tri Valley Growers**

3200 E Eight Mile Rd RR2  
Stockton, CA 95212  
Phone: 209-931-8000  
Tomato canning; processes cherries and  
fruit juices  
Sales Range: \$5 to \$9.99 Million

**Tri Valley Growers**

PO Box 108  
Thornton, CA 95686  
Phone: 209-794-2303  
Processes tomato products  
Sales Range: \$10 to \$24.9 Million

**Tri Valley Growers**

426 N 7th St  
Sacramento, CA 95814-0210  
Phone: 916-442-4144  
Processed foods; peaches, fruit cocktail  
Sales Range: \$1 to \$4.99 Million

**Tri Valley Growers/Plant R**

PO Box 1211  
Modesto, CA 95353-1211  
Phone: 209-572-5511  
Manufactures canned fruits and vegetables,  
jams and jellies  
Sales Range: Under \$1 Million

**Triple H Foods**

5821 Wilderness Ave  
Riverside, CA 92504  
Phone: 909-352-5713  
Thomas Harris, President

Produces sauces, bar mixes and juices  
Sales Range: \$100 to \$499 Million  
**Tropical Preserving Company Inc**  
1711 E 15th St  
Los Angeles, CA 90021-2715  
Phone: 213-748-5108  
Ronald Randall, President  
Preserves, jellies and pancake syrup  
Sales Range: \$100 to \$499 Million

**Valley Tomato Products**

760 Industrial Dr  
Stockton, CA 95206-3927  
Phone: 209-982-4586  
Processes tomato paste exclusively for  
Campbell's soups  
Sales Range: \$25 to \$49.9 Million

**Van den Bergh Foods Co**

5776 Stoneridge Mall Rd #190  
Pleasanton, CA 94588-2836  
Phone: 510-463-0606  
Manufactures food products (sales office)  
Sales Range: \$100 to \$499 Million

**Van den Bergh Foods Co**

PO Box 9200  
Stockton, CA 95208-1200  
Phone: 209-466-9580  
Processes tomatoes (plant)  
Sales Range: Over \$500 Million

**Van den Bergh Foods Co**

PO Box 2168  
Merced, CA 95344-0168  
Phone: 209-723-8831  
Manufactures canned specialties, tomato  
paste  
Sales Range: \$1 to \$4.99 Million

**Vita-Pakt Citrus Products Co**

PO Box 309  
Covina, CA 91723-0309  
Phone: 818-332-1101  
William Robinett, President  
Manufactures, distributes citrus products  
Sales Range: \$1 to \$4.99 Million

**Voila Juice Company**

4240 Hollis St  
Emeryville, CA 94608-3508  
Phone: 510-658-3806  
Gary Boland, Owner  
Manufactures fresh fruit juices  
Sales Range: \$25 to \$49.9 Million

**Walker Foods Inc**

237 N Mission Rd  
Los Angeles, CA 90033-2103  
Phone: 213-268-5191  
R Walker, President  
Manufactures tomato hot sauce, vinegar  
and chili  
Sales Range: \$10 to \$24.9 Million

**West Coast Products Corp**

PO Box 623  
Orland, CA 95963-0623  
Phone: 916-865-3379  
Estelle Krackov, President  
Olives and olive oil  
Sales Range: \$5 to \$9.99 Million

**Western Shore Orchard Inc**

PO Box 75  
Hood, CA 95639-0075  
Phone: 916-775-1637  
Sarah Simpson, President  
Manufactures and sells dehydrated pear  
products, jam, jellies and vinegar  
Sales Range: \$10 to \$24.9 Million

**World Citrus West Inc**

PO Box 797  
Fullerton, CA 92632-0797  
Phone: 714-870-6171  
Manufactures fruit juices and drinks  
Sales Range: \$50 to \$99.9 Million